Requirement of Wagons

1419. SHRI DIPANKER MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to UnStarred Question 2230 given in the Rajya S&bha on the 10th August, 1994 and state:

(a) the number of wagons which have been condemned so far during the year 1994-95;

(b) how many additional wagons were required during 1994-95 for conversion from meter-gauge to broad-guage; and

(c) what would be the additional requirement of broad-sauge metre-guage wagons during the coming five years?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) 21656 wagons (BG) have been condemned till February 1995 during the year 1994-95.

(to) Wagon requirement is assessed on the freight target and the anticipated wagon utilisation level on a global basis.

(c) Total wagon requirement for the Eighth Plan period has been asstesed at 81,000. No wagon is proposed for acquisition for MG system and wagons are planned only for the EG sytem. No assessment of wagon requirements beyond VIII Plan period has been done.

Itrodcution of a Superfast Train between Kanyakumari and Delhi via Madurai

1420. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a superfast train between Kanyakumari and New Delhi, Via Erode and Madurai;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any traffic survey has been conducted to find out the passenger needs in the section, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No,, Sir.

(,b) Operational and resource constraints.

(c) No, Sir.

Konkan Railway Project

1421. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS b< pleased to state:

(a) by when the Konkan Railwa; would be completed and become op erational for passenger traffic;

(k>) by when Government wouli connect Bombay direct with Sout Tamil Nadu, without break at Erode

(c) the detail$_s$ of the traffic pla for connecting Bombay-Kanya Ku mari via Erode-Madurai; and

(d) what are the specific reasor for not connecting Southern Tam Nadu directly with Bombay vi Erode?

THE MINISTER OF PAILWA? (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) (a) It is targetted for 31-12-1995.

(b) and (c) Bombay-Nagercoil Ex press (weekly) via Wadi-Dharim varam-Erode-Madurai will be intre duced from July, 95 Time Table.

(d) Does not arise.